

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claims 40-46 (canceled).

47. (previously added) A candle comprising:

a fuel mixture comprising 10-83% wt. of a vegetable oil having no more than 0.3% wt. of the vegetable oil is free fatty acids, and a petroleum wax mixture of a high melting point paraffin wax and a low melting point paraffin wax; and

a wick at least partly embedded in the fuel mixture.

48. (previously added) A candle according to claim 47, further comprising a container holding the fuel mixture and wick.

49. (previously added) A candle according to claim 48, wherein the container is transparent so that the fuel mixture is visible through walls of the container.

50. (previously added) A candle according to claim 49, wherein the wax mixture comprises from 1-32.5% wt. of the total fuel mixture of low melting point paraffin wax and 1-10% wt. of the total fuel mixture high melting point paraffin wax.

51. (previously added) A candle according to claim 47 wherein the wax mixture comprises from 1-32.5% wt. of the total fuel mixture of low melting point paraffin wax and 1-10% wt. of the total fuel mixture high melting point paraffin wax.

52. (previously added) A candle according to claim 51, wherein the fuel mixture further comprises a polymer.

53. (previously added) A candle according to claim 52, wherein the fuel mixture further comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of a fragrance, a dye, a UV inhibitor and an antioxidant.

54. (previously added) A candle according to claim 52, wherein the vegetable oil comprises a blend of soy oil and cottonseed oil.

55. (previously added) A candle according to claim 52, wherein the vegetable oil is hydrogenated.

56. (previously added) A candle according to claim 47, wherein the vegetable oil comprises a blend of soy oil and cottonseed oil.

57. (previously added) A candle according to claim 47, wherein the vegetable oil is hydrogenated.

58. (previously added) A candle composition comprising a fuel mixture comprising 10-83% wt. of a hydrogenated vegetable oil having no more than 0.3% wt. of the hydrogenated vegetable oil is free fatty acids, from 2-43% wt. of a mixture of a high melting point paraffin wax and a low melting point paraffin wax, and a polymer.

59. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 58, wherein the hydrogenated vegetable oil comprises a blend of soy oil and cottonseed oil.

60. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 59, wherein the wax mixture comprises from 1-32.5% wt. of the total composition of low melting point paraffin wax and 1-10% wt. of the total composition of high melting point paraffin wax.

61. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 60, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of a fragrance, a dye, a UV inhibitor and an antioxidant.

62. (previously added) A candle composition comprising:
a mixture of a high melting point paraffin wax and a low melting point paraffin wax;
and

10-83% wt. of a vegetable oil comprising no more than 0.3% wt. free fatty acids, the vegetable oil being present in a greater percentage by weight of the composition than the mixture of paraffin waxes.

63. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 62, comprising 50-83% wt. of said vegetable oil.

64. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 62, wherein the mixture of paraffin waxes comprises from 1-32.5% wt. of the total composition low melting point paraffin wax and 1-10% wt. of the total composition high melting point wax.

65. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 62, wherein said vegetable oil is hydrogenated.

66. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 65, wherein said hydrogenated vegetable oil is cottonseed oil, soybean oil, or a combination thereof.

67. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 66, wherein said hydrogenated vegetable oil is a blend of 88% wt. soybean oil and 12% wt. cottonseed oil.

68. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 67, wherein the blend of vegetable oil comprises between about 50%-83% wt. of the candle composition.

69. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 68, further comprising a polymer, a fragrance oil and a dye.

70. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein the mixture of paraffin waxes comprises between about 2-43% wt. of the candle composition.

71. (previously added) A candle composition according to claim 68, wherein the mixture of paraffin waxes comprises between about 2-43% wt. of the candle composition.

72. (new) A candle composition comprising:

a first paraffin wax having a first melting point;

a second paraffin wax having a second melting point lower than the first melting point, the first and second paraffin waxes forming a paraffin wax mixture;

10-83% wt. of a vegetable oil consisting of no more than 0.3% wt. of the vegetable oil is free fatty acids and the remainder is triglycerides, and the vegetable oil is present in greater percent by weight of the composition than the paraffin wax mixture.

73. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, wherein the paraffin wax mixture comprises between about 2-43% wt. of the candle composition.

74. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, further comprising a polymer, a fragrance oil and a dye.

75. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, wherein the first paraffin wax comprises 1-10% wt. of the total composition and the second paraffin wax comprises 1-32.5% wt. of the total composition.

76. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, wherein said vegetable oil is hydrogenated.

77. (new) A candle composition according to claim 76, wherein the hydrogenated vegetable oil is cottonseed oil, soybean oil, or a combination thereof.

78. (new) A candle composition according to claim 77, wherein said hydrogenated vegetable oil is a blend of 88% wt. soybean oil and 12% wt. cottonseed oil.